GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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OUTSTANDING WAGE ARREARS OF TEA WORKERS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a huge amount of wage arrears of tea workers of Barak Valley`s tea gardens is outstanding;

(b) if so, the outstanding amount of wage arrears as on date;

(c) since when this amount is outstanding;

(d) the reasons for non-disbursement of wage arrears; and

(e) the action proposed to be taken by the Government to resolve the issue?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to (e) : The Tea Association of India, Barak Valley Branch at Silchar, Assam has informed that no huge amount of wage arrears of tea workers of Barak Valley`s Tea Gardens is outstanding. The scheduled increase of Rs. 3.50 per day effective from 1.5.2002 has been held in abeyance with the assurances of the Workers` Representatives, as the industry is unable to accommodate any further wage load at this juncture.